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極彩な朝

AS I IMAGINED LANGUAGES ARE BEST TAUGHT WHEN YOUNG
flip
YOUR ENGLISH TUTOR TOLD ME YOUR PRONUNCIATION IS QUITE NATURAL
TOMOYUKI
scritch
scritch
scritch
thud

HE SAID YOU TEND TO STICK TO ONE IDEA AND DON'T CHANGE YOUR VIEW EASILY
flip
YOUR TUTOR, AMAMIYA, TOLD ME YOU EXCEL IN MATH AND LINGUISTICS BUT YOU'RE NOT BORN WITH LITERARY TALENT
AH
LEARN EVERY-THING
HERE
bam
YOU SURELY TAKE AFTER HIS TALENTS
YOUR GRAND-FATHER SERVED IN OUR TERRITORY AS A CHIEF RETAINER AND ESTABLISHED A RANK IN THE MEIJI ERA
YOU'RE STRONG AT MATH BECAUSE OF YOUR KATSURAGI'S BLOODLINE
BUT AFTER ALL
tremble

AS I ALWAYS TELL YOU BLOODLINE IS EVERYTHING
YOU SHOULD NEVER TAKE IT LIGHTLY
THE HEIR MUST BE OF THE DIRECT LINE
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
TOMOYUKI
neigh
neigh
rattle
EXCUSE ME
KNOCK
KNOCK
WHAT IS IT?
LOOK AT THAT BIG LUGGAGE PIECE
neigh
A CARRIAGE?

thud
ONE MORE
READ EVERYTHING BEFORE I GET BACK
I SEE
MASTER
THE CARRIAGE IS READY
IT'S HIGH TIME TO DEPART OR YOU'LL BE LATE I'M AFRAID
NO MATTER HOW TALENTED YOU ARE SOME DREAMS WILL ALWAYS BE OUT OF YOUR REACH
YES
TOMOYUKI

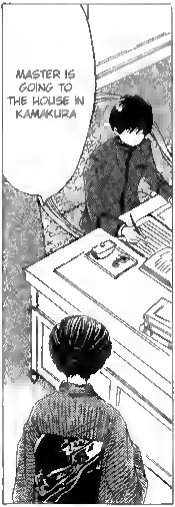
ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU IS TO SAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE.
...YES
UNLESS YOU'RE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THE PAST AND CHANGE THE LAW YOU HAVE TO OBEY IT
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CHANGE YOUR CLASS OR TITLE. THEY ARE SIMPLY BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.
THE DAY WON'T COME ENOUGH SOON,
BUT DON'T YOU THINK SOMEDAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUY EVEN A TITLE?
TOMOYUKI
I BELIEVE IN YOU. ONE DAY YOU WILL MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE

I'M OFF NOW I LEAVE EVERY-THING TO YOU

CERTAINLY

HAVE A NICE TRIP

KIKU?



MASTER IS GOING TO THE HOUSE IN KAMAKURA

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY I WAS TO MEET UNCLE KUZE TODAY RIGHT?

WHERE IS MASTER GOING?

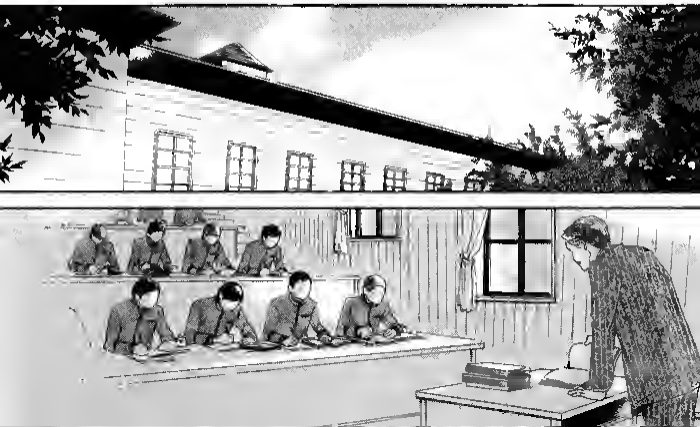
KIKU?

EVEN IF IT'S TEMPORARY HE'LL BECOME MY FATHER I THOUGHT I'D BETTER ASK HIM THINGS ABOUT...

TO SEE LADY KUZE
BUT WHY THIS SUDDEN CHANGE? IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER?
TOMOYUKI-SAMA,
HAVE YOU NOT HEARD ANYTHING YET?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS MORNING

An heir has been born.
creak

NN...
MM...
Slap
HE'S SKIPPED SCHOOL AGAIN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN HIS MIND
I TOLD HIM TO GO TO SCHOOL MANY TIMES, BUT

FROM NOW ON...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?


WHAT IS THAT YELLOW ONE?
ARE YOU VISITING SOMEONE SICK?
POME-GRANATE? I DON'T LIKE IT
It's a hassle to eat. I have a tree in my yard. Who would ever buy one?
HOW ABOUT A POME-GRANATE?
I'LL HAVE MORE APPLES INSTEAD
SOUNDS GOOD. BUT A LITTLE OVER MY BUDGET
IT'S A RARE KIND OF PEAR FROM EUROPE NAMED LA FRANCE
VERY WELL

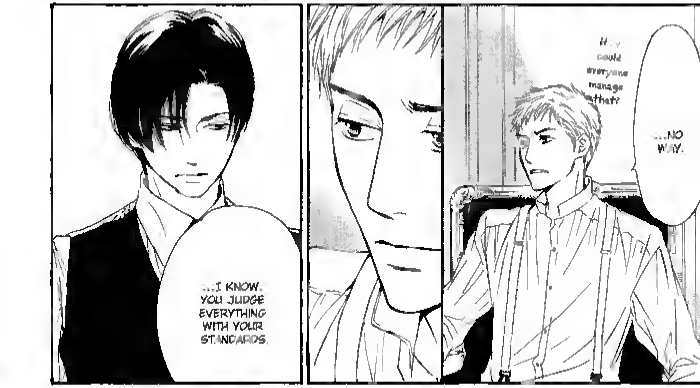
I'M VISITING MY FRIEND KUZE SO I'M GOING TO BUY SOMETHING AFFORDABLE FOR MY BUDGET
LORD KUZE?
OH, HELLO... YOU'RE KATSURAGI
WELL
I OFTEN BUY THEM FOR A GIFT
THAT PEAR IS DELICIOUS
I SEE. I HOPE HE'LL GET BETTER SOON.
NO.
I HEARD HIS COLD GOT A BIT WORSE AND HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS.
THEN, IS HE SERIOUSLY ILL?
HE SHOULD TAKE BETTER CARE OF HIMSELF WHEN HAVING A COLD, OR PNEUMONIA MAY DEVELOP.

AKIHITO-SAMA IS THE ONLY HEIR OF THE KUZE FAMILY
HE SHOULD BE EXTRA CAREFUL ABOUT HIS HEALTH
I DON'T MEANT TO BE NOSEY ABOUT OTHER FAMILIES' BUSINESS
YOU LOOK UPSET DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
IT'S NOT THAT
BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOU AND OTHERS IN THE KATSURAGI FAMILY THINK LIGHTLY OF THE MAIN FAMILY KUZE

sneer
THAT'S RIGHT
AND IT GETS ON YOUR NERVES SINCE YOU'RE HIS FRIEND
I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO YOUR FATHER.
IT'S STARTED TO RAIN
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE KUZE RESIDENCE

AKIHITO-SAMA
HOW ABOUT THE BOOKS ON THIS SHELF?
I'VE NOT READ THEM YET.
WHAT A SHAME. ALL THESE EXCELLENT BOOKS ARE LEFT UNOPENED. I CAN TELL THE FORMER MASTER IS LAMENTING.
...OR RATHER, I SUSPECT
KATSU-RAGI
IT'S MORE APPROPRIATE TO SAY THAT "YOU CAN'T READ THEM," NOT THAT "YOU DON'T READ THEM."
HAS NOT CHANGED AT ALL.

EVERYONE CAN MANAGE TO MAKE SMALL TALK.
I CAN NEITHER READ NOR WRITE GERMAN, BUT I CAN SPEAK IT A LITTLE
CUT IT OUT ALREADY


...I KNOW. YOU JUDGE EVERYTHING WITH YOUR STANDARDS.
How could everyone manage that?
...NO WAY.

SO...
AS IF NOTHING EVER HAPPENED
HE ACTS NORMALLY
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO LEARN SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUSLY DIFFICULT
IT'S JUST THAT YOU DON'T MEET REASONABLE STANDARDS

THUNK
!
DID YOU READ ALL THE FOREIGN BOOKS IN THIS ROOM?
HOW ABOUT YOU? WHEN YOU WERE SEVENTEEN,
KATSURAGI
DID YOU?
snap

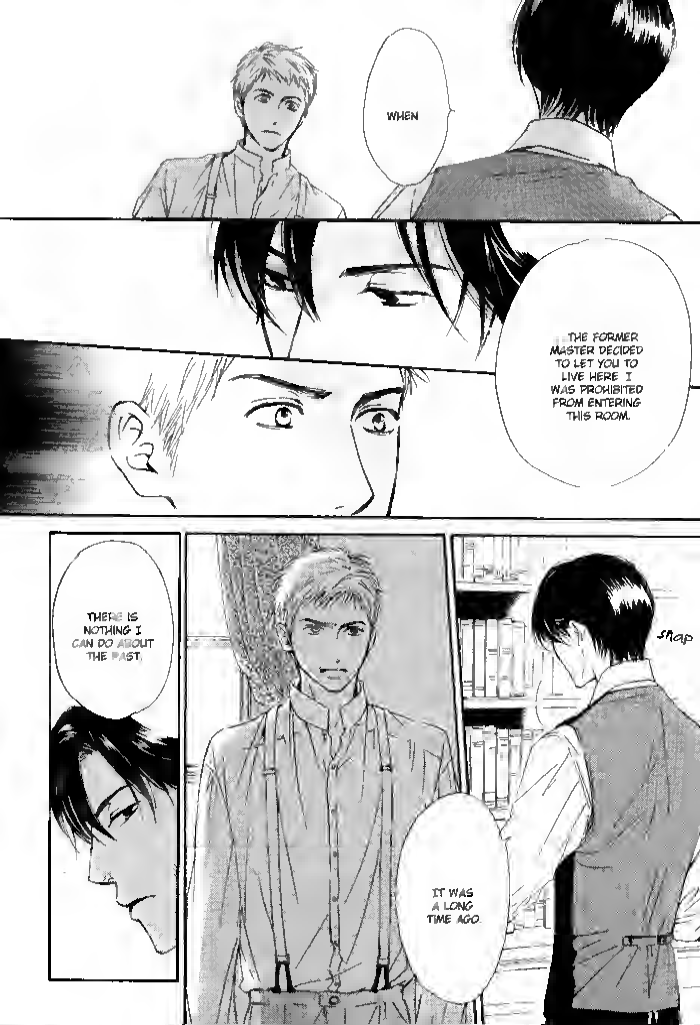
AND ALSO STOP TOUCHING ME EVERY TIME YOU HAVE A CHANCE.
TOMORROW, YOU GO TO SCHOOL!
YOU SHOULD STOP FEIGNING ILLNESS TO SKIP A CLASS
whom
GET YOUR HANDS OFF!
GROW UP!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP GOOFING AROUND I'LL LEAVE YOU TO THE TUTORS.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
NOBODY'S AROUND NOW

HUH?
I'VE STARTED TO FEEL HIS EYES ON ME
JUST A TINY BIT
HE'S CHANGED A LITTLE
IT COULD BE THAT
IT'S NOT FAIR,
BUT I'LL BEHAVE
DID YOU KNOW?
ALL THE BOOKS HERE ARE ORIGINAL COPIES OF POETRY BOOKS.

I'VE NEVER IMAGINED I'D SPOT A POETRY BOOK IN MY FATHER'S LIBRARY.
LET ME HAVE A LOOK
flip
flip
flip

smile
!

A STUDENT?
STUDENT, WHO LIVED IN THIS HOUSE AND SERVED THE FAMILY. I THINK HE BROUGHT THIS TO THE LIBRARY.
THERE WAS
HE SMILED
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT.
SO UNLIKELY
HE STUDIED LAW. BUT HAD A MIND OF A POET.
flip
HE OFTEN READ POEMS.
HUH?
BUT NOT THE REST
I'VE READ ALL THE BOOKS UP TO THIS SHELF.
AKIHITO-SAMA
YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE I CAME TO THIS HOUSE


WHEN
THE FORMER MASTER DECIDED TO LET YOU TO LIVE HERE I WAS PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS ROOM.
THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THE PAST.
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
snap

THAT'S RIGHT.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO TALK ABOUT THE OLD DAYS.
BUT IT'S YOU WHO'S NOSY.
!
rattle
!
AKIHITO-SAMA!
I SAID ENOUGH!...
THAT KEY

I STILL REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN YOU GAVE ME A KEY TO THIS ROOM
I WAS MADE TO SIT THERE YOU PLACED A PILE OF BOOKS IN FRONT OF ME
AND SAID TO STUDY ALL THE BOOKS IN THE ROOM
I WAS SCARED OF YOU
I REMEMBER EVERYTHING
EVERY WORD YOU SAID TO ME
I CAN RECALL EVERY ONE OF THEM

EVERYTHING
chunk
AH!
STOP.
AKI...
KATSURAGI
YOU SAID
YOU'D OBEY ME RIGHT?
haa
nibble
haa

thump
NGH!
AT LEAST WHEN I'M MAKING OUT WITH HIM
lick
I CAN FREE MYSELF FROM MY WORRIES
!
shiver
haa
MM...
AH!
haa
WHAT'S THE USE OF A DEAL
OR TACTICS?
KATSURAGI
TAKE THEM OFF

haa
NOBODY'S GOING TO INTERRUPT US WHEN WE'RE ALONE IN THIS ROOM
NO ONE CARES HOW LONG WE'RE LOCKED UP IN HERE
slide
JUST LIKE THE LAST NIGHT
NGH
IF I LEAVE WORRY BEHIND
KITSU-RAGI..
I'LL GET TO SEE HIS MIND AND HEART
Katsuragi..
vrrrr
splash

I'VE NEVER SEEN TOMOYUKI IN THE TWENTY YEARS AFTER HE WAS TAKEN IN BY THE KUZE
rattle
rattle
YOU'RE KIDDING YOU HAVEN'T SEEN...
WHAT?
vrrr

THE WORDS FROM THE HEAD OF A SAMURAI FAMILY ARE ULTIMATE
pswr
MY FATHER ORDERED US TO NOT SEE HIM AGAIN

BUT DON'T YOU THINK
IT'S AN OUTDATED BELIEF... AND SENSELESS BY NOW?

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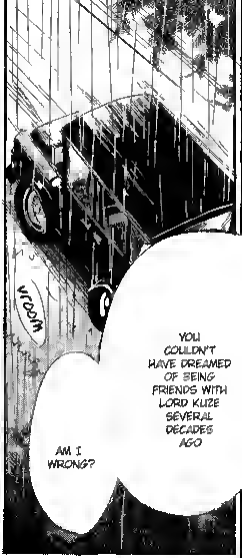
BUT MY FATHER IS STILL TIED TO A RELATIONSHIP STEMMED FROM THE EDO PERIOD


vroom
STATUS AND TITLE ARE NO LONGER PERMANENT THINGS. THEY CHANGE NOW AS TIME GOES BY
YOU COULDN'T HAVE DREAMED OF BEING FRIENDS WITH LORD KUZE SEVERAL DECADES AGO
AM I WRONG?

I THINK HE WILL KEEP A PROMISE HE MADE WITH THE FORMER MASTER UNTIL THE DAY HE DIES
HIS LOYALTY TOWARD THE KUZE WILL NEVER BE DIMINISHED
HE MAY NOT CHANGE HIS MIND EVEN ON HIS DEATHBED

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS
BUT KUZE AKIHITO HAS TAKEN A STEP FORWARD IN REQUESTING TO MEET YOU
AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED I DON'T THINK HE'S TIED UP WITH THE OLD PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FAMILIES
HE OFTEN SAYS THE ARISTOCRACY AND RANKS ARE A LOAD OF CRAP
AND THAT THEY'RE DESTINED TO PERISH
I HAVE TO SAY THAT'S QUITE A NAIVE ARGUMENT

grab
YOUR FACE...
SHOW ME!
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
rattle
haa
haa
smack
haa
haa
KATSURAGI...
haa
haa

haa
haa
KATSURAGI
thrust
NH!
MM
haa
creak
NGH!
N...
creak
rattle
KATSURAGI
NGH..
haa
KATSURAGI!!
haa
haa

SHOULD I BE WITH HIM LIKE THIS?
HOW LONG...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
I DIDN'T KNOW HE WEIGHED SO MUCH
AH!
AH!
UH!
NN!
haa
haa
haa
creak
rattle

creak
...HIS ROBUSTNESS.
Katsuragi...
KATSURAGI.
WHEN DID I TAKE THIS WRONG PATH?
I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS IS HAPPENING.
haa
haa
HOT
haa
MM...
.. LOVE YOU
UN...
MM

I love you.
I'm so in love with you.
WHEN DID HE...
TAKE THAT PATH HIMSELF?
...
...
Pant
WE'RE ALMOST TO THE FRONT GATE.

...IT'S REALLY WIDE.
IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT BUT HIS HOUSE IS TOO SUMPTUOUS FOR A LORD
HE PISSES ME OFF
"WILL YOU INTRODUCE ME TO THE HEAD OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY?"
"I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BUT IT'S IMPORTANT"
"THE KATSURAGI ARE A BRANCH FAMILY OF YOURS RIGHT? JUST TELL THEM TO MEET YOU "
"NO I CAN'T"
"WHY? ASK THE BUTLER IN YOUR FAMILY"
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.

EVERYONE IN THE KATSURAGI FAMILY
YOUNGER AND OLDER BROTHERS ALIKE BEHAVE IMPUDENTLY
WHY HE HAS TO KEEP HOLDING BACK
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS BUT...

drizzle
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT
GOING TO THE EVENING PARTY HELD AT THE MORIYAMA, TOGETHER?

...STOP TALKING NONSENSE
SERVANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND SUCH AN OFFICIAL PARTY
YOU COULD USE THE NAME OF KATSURAGI
IT WON'T CAUSE ANY FUSS, IF YOU ATTEND AS KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI INSTEAD OF AS MY SERVANT
AH!
shiver
suck

IT'S COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION.
shove
!
I HAVE TO GO NOW, OR T'MAUR WILL GROW SUSPICIOUS.
ALSO, I HAVE MY OWN BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.

I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK ME TO.
KATSUNAGI
I'LL READ ALL THE BOOKS IN THIS ROOM AND LEARN EVERYTHING.
click
close
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT
I'LL DO ANYTHING...

IF YOU PROMISE TO STAY BY MY SIDE FOREVER
ANYTHING
IT'S RAINING...
pour
squeeze
rub
"I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK ME TO."

WHO'S HERE?
Knock knock
KATSURAGI-SAMA
EXCUSE ME
Vroom
Splash splash
Splash splash

NICE TO SEE YOU, ISHIZAKI-SAMA.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING.

...OH, IT'S YOU.
WHERE IS KUZE?
I'M SORRY, BUT HE'S STILL SICK IN BED AND TAKING A NAP RIGHT NOW.
MAY I TAKE A MESSAGE FOR YOU?
...SO I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY
THEN I'LL BE LEAVING.
clatter
I BROUGHT SOME FRUITS AND HANDED THEM TO TAMURA.
TELL HIM TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIMSELF

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN.
WILL YOU ARRANGE A CAR TO GO TO THE NEAREST STATION?
YES, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
I RAN INTO KATSURAGI TAKAYUKI DOMO IN NIHONBASHI
AND HE GAVE ME A RIDE TO COME HERE
!
OH YES I FORGOT.
THOSE PEARS I DIDN'T BUY THEM HE DID
YOU'LL DROP HIM A NOTE TO SAY A WORD OF THANKS, WON'T YOU?

THIS IS A GET-WELL PRESENT FROM ISHIZAKI-SAMA
WHAT IS IT?
?
I DON'T THINK SO. I RECEIVED THEM FROM THE MAN HIMSELF A WHILE AGO
HE MUST HAVE SENT THEM TO ME BY ACCIDENT
ISHIZAKI? THEY LOOK EXPENSIVE
IS HE STILL IN THE GUEST ROOM?
YOU TOLD ME NOT TO ADMIT ANYONE TO SEE YOU, SO I ASKED KATSURAGI-SAMA, AND...
I'M SORRY
WHAT!? IS HE STILL AROUND?
YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME KNOW

I'LL MEET
NO ONE BESIDES ISHIZAKI
I HEARD YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE FROM THE KATSURAGI FAMILY FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS.
DID MY BROTHER TELL YOU SO? OR THE MASTER?
KUZE WON'T SPILL A WORD TO ME
I HEARD IT FROM KATSURAGI TAKAYUKI WHEN I MET HIM ON THE WAY OVER HERE
IT'S JUST A PROMISE ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE A MAN WITH AN AMBITIOUS MIND. SO WHY DO YOU CLING TO THAT OLD PROMISE?
WHAT'S YOUR REAL INTENTION?

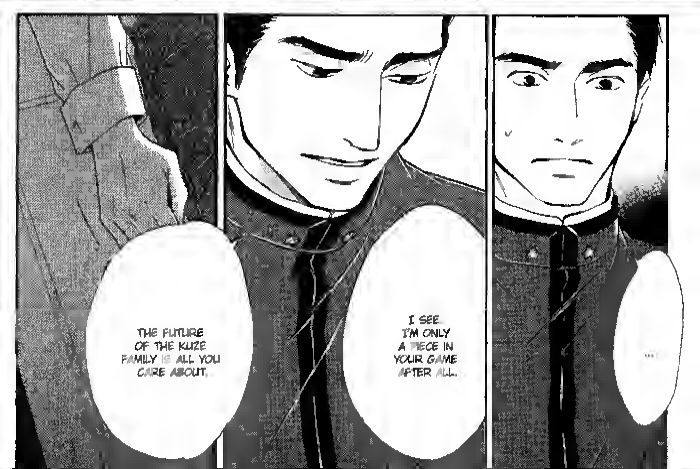
I THINK KUZE HAS SPECIAL FEELINGS TOWARD YOU.
tap
YOUR CAR IS ON THE WAY
KATSURAGI.
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER HIS FACE.
HE'S FEVERISHLY ATTRACTED TO YOU.

THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
I REFRAINED FROM GETTING NOSY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY BUSINESS
BUT HE'S THE ONLY DIRECT HEIR OF THE KUZE FAMILY ISN'T HE?
HE SHOULD NOT BE FOOLING AROUND IN SUCH AN ODD RELATION-SHIP
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
IT'S A PROBLEM OF YOURS, NOT KUZE'S.

WHAT DOES KUZE MEAN TO YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EVERY-THING WILL BE FINE IF YOU KEEP A DISTANCE FROM HIM
HE WON'T CHANGE HIS MIND UNLESS YOU CHANGE IT YOURSELF.
YOU HOLD THE KEY TO EVERYTHING

STOP FOOLING AROUND WITH HIM AND~
YOU TWO ARE HOPELESSLY NAIVE.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU GETTING ALONG WITH AKAITO-SAMA? THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE AN HEIR OF THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY
THE TIE BETWEEN YOU TWO WILL BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE KUZE IN THE FUTURE

I'VE TAKEN GOOD CARE OF AKIHITO-SAMA FOR THE KUZE FAMILY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR YEARS TO COME
SO IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS I'M AFRAID
YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT
THAN WORRYING OVER YOUR FRIEND'S FAMILY BUSINESS YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORTUNE YOUR OWN FATHER MADE AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT FLOURISHING NOW AND FOREVER


I SEE. I'M ONLY A PIECE IN YOUR GAME AFTER ALL.
THE FUTURE OF THE KUZE FAMILY IS ALL YOU CARE ABOUT.

YOU REALIZE KUZE HAS STRONG FEELINGS FOR YOU
AND SO YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM!?
YOU KEEP TOYING WITH HIS FEELINGS AND...
RIDICULOUS!!

!
I DON'T CARE WHAT THAT CHILD THINKS OF ME!
...
ACTUALLY,

OF COURSE HE MUST SUSTAIN THE BLOODLINE OF THE HEAD FAMILY
BEFORE LONG?
BEFORE HIS GOING ABROAD TO STUDY?
THE KUZE FAMILY NEEDS AN HEIR FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
I'LL HAVE HIM ENGAGED BEFORE LONG

I'M SURE AKIHITO-SAMA IS QUITE AWARE OF THAT
HE'S DESTINED TO LIVE FOR THE KUZE FAMILY
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK ME TO
SO LONG AS I CAN BE WITH YOU
I WILL DO ANY-THING

IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS
I GOT ON A TRAIN AT YOKOHAMA, BUT IT WAS DELAYED MANY TIMES.
TRAINS ARE CONVENIENT BUT THEY ARE USELESS IN HEAVY RAIN
WE WORK ON SNOWY DAYS TOO
Haha
RIGHT BY THE WAY, I'M AMAZED TO SEE EVERYTHING AROUND HERE HAS CHANGED A LOT
YES I WAS IN THE U.S FOR A LONG TIME
DID YOU COME BACK FROM ABROAD?
WOW THAT'S SOME-THING!
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FROM HERE TO THE KUZE RESIDENCE IN AZABU?
LET ME SEE... IT'S GETTING DARK AND THE RAIN IS HEAVY THE SLOPE THERE MIGHT BE SLIPPERY I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO GO SLOW
I SEE I WAS PLANNING TO VISIT THEM FIRST, BUT I'VE GOT TO TAKE A RAIN CHECK
SO

I ONCE SERVED FOR THE KUZE FAMILY.
OH, I HANDLE IT CAREFULLY. IT'S PACKED WITH LOTS OF VALUABLE BOOKS.
OK...I I'M GOING TO CARRY THE LUGGAGE FIRST AND COME BACK TO PICK YOU UP. YOU'RE STAYING AT THE HOTEL IN TSUKIGI, RIGHT?
nod
YES. BE CAREFUL.
NOW...
I WONDER IF TOMOYUKI-SAMA HAS BEEN DOING WELL.

Scene 7 END

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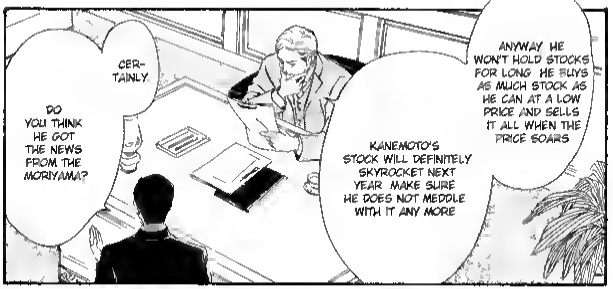
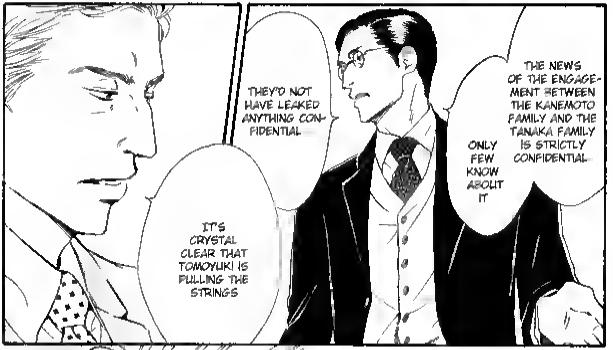
flip
THE MARQUESS OF MORIYAMA IS THE TOP SHARE HOLDER.
THE MARQUESS OF SAIONJI, THE EARL OF KARASUMA.
THE VISCOUNT OF KAMIKI, AND THE BARON OF NAGAI.
I'M POSITIVE THEY CORNERED THE STOCK OF KANEMOTO SPINNING COMPANY.
flap
I SEE
IT SEEMS THEY'VE KEPT INVESTING BIG MONEY THROUGH NAKAJIMA SEIEMON'S BROKERAGE FIRM
OF COURSE IT WAS PLAYED BEHIND THE CURTAIN
It was hard to track it down.
NAKAJIMA WAS KNOWN TO BE A STOCK PLAYER AND HE STARTED TO PLAY MORE ACTIVELY WHEN HE HAD AN OFFICE IN KABUTOCHOU
HE TRADES BIG MONEY SOME TIMES AND OTHER TIMES HE MAKES PROFIT BY TRADING SMALL STOCKS.
IT'S NOT EASY TO TELL HIS NEXT MOVE


ANYWAY HE WON'T HOLD STOCKS FOR LONG HE BUYS AS MUCH STOCK AS HE CAN AT A LOW PRICE AND SELLS IT ALL WHEN THE PRICE SOARS
KANEMOTO'S STOCK WILL DEFINITELY SKYROCKET NEXT YEAR MAKE SURE HE DOES NOT MEDDLE WITH IT ANY MORE
CERTAINLY
DO YOU THINK HE GOT THE NEWS FROM THE MORIYAMA?


THE NEWS OF THE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE KANEMOTO FAMILY AND THE TANAKA FAMILY IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
ONLY FEW KNOW ABOUT IT
THEY'D NOT HAVE LEAKED ANYTHING CONFIDENTIAL
IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT TOMOYUKI IS PULLING THE STRINGS

flinch
crumple
DAMN IT!
I REMEMBER THE FORMER KUZE HAD USED SIMILAR TRICKS TO MAKE A FORTUNE.
HM.
SERIOUSLY?

I WAS THINKING HE WOULD OBEY THE WORDS OF THE FORMER MASTER AND NOT INTERFERE WITH OUR BUSINESS. BUT
TOMOYUKI IS SO CUNNING THAT HE'D NEVER BRING KUZE'S NAME OUT IN PUBLIC. HE GOES AS FAR AS TO USE THE MAQUESS OF MORIYAMA FOR HIS BENEFIT. BUT NEVER LEAVES A TRACE OF HIS WORK.

WITH WHO?
I'VE GOT TO TALK WITH HIM ONE OF THESE DAYS
rattle
DON'T YOU SEE? OUR FATHER.

I'M AFRAID HE MIGHT HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND WHILE HE WAS TAKING CARE OF THE YOUNG MASTER

AFTER ALL HE WON'T BE AROUND MUCH LONGER.
NOW YOUR COAT.
YES.
fssh

YOU'VE GROWN TALLER THAN BEFORE.
HAHA!
I THINK YOU'LL NEED ANOTHER ONE IN A SHORT WHILE THEN.
YOU THINK SO? I CAN'T SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE
IT'S GOOD FOR YOU TO BE FIT AND HEALTHY
BUT MY KNEES ACHE A LOT AT NIGHT
SPEAKING OF YOUR PHYSIQUE,
THE FRAME OF YOUR SHOULDERS REMINDS ME OF YOUR FATHER
MY FATHER?
THAT'S RIGHT

DON'T JOKE, SIR.
YOUR FAMILY IS FAR MORE PROSPEROUS THAN BEFORE.
IF NOT FOR KATSURAGI, I WOULD HAVE LET THIS HOUSE BE SOLD A LONG TIME AGO.
I'VE GROWN UP TO BE SUCH A NAIVE AND INEXPERIENCED MAN.
I DON'T REMEMBER HIM WELL.
MY FATHER...
I INHERITED THE BUSINESS AFTER THAT
WELL, MY FATHER MADE KATSURAGI-SAMA'S SUITS WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT
I'M SORRY
NO, HE DIED TEN YEARS AGO
IS YOUR FATHER STILL ALIVE?
FOR KATSURAGI-SAN?
BY THE WAY,
WHEN DID YOU START TO TAILOR SUITS FOR KATSURAGI?

SO
YOU HAVE KATSURAGI'S MEASUREMENTS THEN, RIGHT?
...YES, I DO!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL ASK YOU TO TAILOR ANOTHER ONE
WHAT IS THIS?

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SUIT.
I ASKED THE TAILOR TO MAKE THEM IN A RUSH SO YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN IF THE LENGTH DOESN'T SUIT YOU
AN INVITATION TO AN EVENING PARTY AT THE MORIYAMA RESIDENCE AND A SET OF FORMAL DRESS
IT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SEE
I RECEIVED THE INVITATION FROM LADY MORIYAMA HERSELF. YOU CAN'T TURN IT DOWN
I'M SERIOUS
STOP JOKING AROUND
I TOLD YOU BEFORE
WHY ON EARTH WOULD I BE INVITED TO THE PARTY?

DID YOU MEET HER?
I DID
I ASKED HER TO MEET ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SHE KINDLY DID
I'D NEVER SPOKEN WITH HER IN PERSON
BUT SHE WAS NICE
...
WHAT'S WITH THE EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE?

I'D LIKE YOU TO STOP MOVING AROUND ON YOUR OWN
YOU SAID YOU'D DO WHATEVER I ASK YOU TO THE OTHER DAY DIDN'T YOU?
MASTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I KNOW.
I TOLD YOU TO STAY ALWAYS BY MY SIDE
BUT YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO ME

WHY NOT TRY IT ON?
ENOUGH
HERE
I THOUGHT YOUR OLD ONES WERE OUT OF FASHION
THE STYLE IS SIMILAR TO MINE
PUT IT ON

MASTER.
I TOLD YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT...
DON'T CALL ME THAT
MASTER.
I WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE PARTY THIS EVENING
tch!
I SAID, STOP CALLING ME MASTER!
Bam
!

kneel
THE TAILOR SAID
YOU'VE NOT GROWN MUCH SINCE I MOVED IN HERE
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOU LOOKED QUITE TALL

THE HAND THAT HELD ME WAS BIG
KATSURAGI.
I WONDER WHO SHOULD BE MY FIANCEE IN YOUR GAME?

YOU DECIDE EVERYTHING BEFORE I EVEN NOTICE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT.
yank
!

THEN WHAT?

AND I REMEMBER I MADE A DEAL WITH YOU
ARE YOU FULLY AWARE OF WHERE YOU STAND? YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE MAIN FAMILY.
OF COURSE I AM.

AS LONG AS I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, I HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE
THE SAME APPLIES TO YOU AS LONG AS I STRIVE FOR A HIGHER TITLE YOU HAVE TO STAY BY ME
grab
pull
!
AKIHITO-SAMA...
KATSURAGI
IT'S NEEDLESS TO SAY, BUT I EXPECT YOU TO PICK A LADY FROM A GOOD FAMILY IT'S FAVORABLE TO GET A HIGHER TITLE

MAKE USE OF WHATEVER YOU CAN GET EVERYTHING IS FOR THE KUZE FAMILY.
EVERY-THING...
...IS FOR THE KUZE FAMILY.

...
Push
I'LL BE IN THE LIBRARY.
LET TAMURA KNOW.
AND...

Sam
Ooo
HE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.
"EVERYTHING IS FOR THE KUZE FAMILY."
HE SOUNDED LIKE...
THE FORMER MASTER.

KUZE!
FINALLY, I FOUND YOU.
HEY!
I HEARD YOU CAME TO SCHOOL AFTER A LONG ABSENCE, BUT YOU WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND
WHERE WERE YOU?
I WENT TO SEE THE PRINCIPAL TO HAND IN A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR SO LONG
THAT HE DIDN'T LET ME GO EASILY, AND SAID I SHOULD CARE FOR MY CHEST
ANYWAY THERE WAS NO PUNISHMENT
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO NOT LIVE IN A DORMITORY, AND NOW YOU RE FREE TO GO WITHOUT ANY PUNISHMENT
I WONDER HOW MUCH HE GETS UNDER THE TABLE FROM YOUR FAMILY YOUR CLASSMATES MIGHT PICK ON YOU BUT YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM
YOU HEAR ME? KUZE
I FAKED BEING ILL
I WAS JUST FOOLING AROUND
AREN'T YOU HOLDING BACK SOMETHING? JUST SAY IT.

KUZE!
THAT WAS
I WAS
BY THE WAY DID YOU HEAR THE RUMOR, ISHIZAKI?
!
I EAVES-DROPPED
DID YOU HEAR SOME-THING FROM KATSU-RAGI?
NO
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ABOUT KATSU-RAGI
YOU VISITED MY HOUSE HAVEN'T YOU?
I KNOW YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON A GIRL IN SHINBASHI HER NAME IS KOFUSA, RIGHT? HER PICTURES ARE EVERYWHERE IN STORES
WHAT
A TAILOR CAME TO MY HOUSE AND SAID HER PICTURES ARE SELLING WELL
WHAT PICTURES!? KOFUSA WAS PROMOTED TO BE A GEISHA FROM AN APPRENTICE AND MADE HER DEBUT JUST RECENTLY!
SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL GEISHA. I THINK SHE'LL BE POPULAR SOON.
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE A RICH MAN RESTS HIS EYES ON HER AND MAKE HER HIS LOVER.
KUZE!!

QUIT IT, KUZE! WE'RE SEEING EACH OTHER!!
I HEARD EVERYTHING FROM YOUR FATHER. YOU'RE STILL A STUDENT, BUT YOU FREQUENTLY GO TO THE TEAHOUSE AND INDULGE YOURSELF IN COURTING KOFUKA—
SPILL IT.
murmur
murmur
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME?
GET OFF IT. WE'RE IN SCHOOL.
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS? IF YOU'RE SERIOUSLY IN LOVE WITH HER, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.
I KNOW, BUT...
FOR EXAMPLE,

Hap
SHALL I LEND YOU SOME MONEY?
I'M ONLY A STUDENT
I CAN'T DO THAT
YOU CAN BRIBE THE OWNER AND MAKE A DEAL
TO PAY BACK HER DEBT IN FUTURE
SHE'S A GEISHA, AFTER ALL. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MARRY HER, RIGHT? THEN WHY NOT BUY HER A HOUSE AND —
LISTEN!
I CAN LEND YOU AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU NEED WITHOUT ASKING KATSURAGI
THAT'S ENOUGH KUZE
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING FROM NOW ON
I'M SORRY I SHOULDN'T NOSE INTO THINGS ABOUT KATSURAGI

DID KATSURAGI TALK ABOUT YOUR FIANCEE?
NO
IT SHOULD ALREADY BE SETTLED
HE'S ONLY INTERESTED IN MAKING THE KUZE FAMILY THRIVE
I'M SURE HE HAS SOMEONE PARTICULAR IN MIND
IF YOU TRULY LOVE HER, YOU SHOULD DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO MAKE HER YOURS
I JUST WANT TO HELP YOU HONEST
DON'T GET ME WRONG

I HAVE NOT GROWN INTO THE MAN HE DREAMED OF ME BECOMING
HE MAY CRAVE A CHILD TO TRAIN TO BE THE NEXT FAMILY HEAD
KUZE
I DON'T THINK HE IS EXPECTING—
TO CREATE A FAMILY IS THE DUTY OF AN HEIR AND FAMILY HEAD MY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING ONLY FOR THAT PURPOSE
YOUR ADVICE IS REASON-ABLE
WHAT KATSU-RAGI SAYS IS ALSO TRUE
I WAS HOPING TO BE A MAN LIKE KATSURAGI

I THOUGHT THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULDN'T MANAGE AND
HE'S ALWAYS COMPOSED AND POSITIVE
HE NEVER WHINES BUT STRIVES TO BE GOOD. HE'S CONFIDENT IN HIMSELF
I DREAMED OF BEING LIKE HIM.
MY PARENTS WERE NOWHERE AROUND ME. HE WAS MY ONLY GUIDE.
I TRIED HARD TO BE A MAN HE COULD BE PROUD OF. BUT...
BUT AS TIME GOES BY...

I STARTED TO FEEL SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR HIM
snap
I KNOW I'M CRAZY
I KNOW. BUT...
I'VE COME THIS FAR. THERE IS NO GOING BACK.

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR THE LAND IN HOKKAIDO? IT'S A WASTE IF WE DON'T MAKE USE OF IT
I HAD NAKAJIMA TAKE CARE OF IT
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BUYING A FARM, WE'RE GOING TO SELL IT RIGHT AWAY
BETTER TO GIVE UP ON LAND THAT IS LIKELY TO CRASH...
click
KATSURAGI-SAMA
EXCUSE ME COULD I BOTHER YOU FOR A MOMENT?
WHAT IS IT?
I'M BUSY.
BUT... THERE IS...
flip
NEXT
WE GOT AN OFFER FROM AOKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THEY WANT TO BUY THE LAND IN KAMAKURA.
knock knock

—A GUEST WAITING FOR YOU.

YOUR FATHER WAS KNOWN TO BE A SUPERB HEAD CLERK WHO HAD ALWAYS STAYED AHEAD OF THE TIMES. YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HIS EQUAL.

I TALKED TO THE DOCTOR.
HE SAID YOU NO LONGER ALLOW ANY VISITORS TO CARE FOR YOUR CONDITION.

FATHER
I WAS DISGUSTED WITH YOUR STUPIDITY

YOUR OLD-TIMER MINDSET AS IF BELONGING TO THE EDO PERIOD
WHEEZE
YOU WERE SO CAREFUL NOT TO BOTHER THE KUZE FAMILY THAT YOU OFTEN MISSED THE CHANCE TO SCALE UP OUR BUSINESS. LOOK AT NOW. THE KATSURAGI IS STILL ONE OF MANY BANKS
WELL... IT CAN'T BE HELPED NOW
BUT I HAVE TO KNOW THIS
BEFORE YOU GO TO THE GRAVE
WHEEZE

WHO ARE TOMOYUKI'S PARENTS?

ISHIZAKI
I'M NOT MAKING FUN OF YOU ABOUT KOFUSA I'M WILLING TO HELP YOU.
THE FRUITS WERE DELICIOUS
THANK YOU.

KUZE SAYS
KATSURAGI HAS ALREADY GIVEN UP ON HIM, BUT...
FOR A NOBLE MAN YOU'RE MOST UNUSUAL
I THOUGHT KATSURAGI'S ATTITUDE WAS
AS IF...
"I DON'T CARE WHAT THAT CHILD THINKS OF ME!"
HE ACTS SOUR TO KUZE ON PURPOSE
AND LETS HIMSELF BELIEVE THAT HE HAS NO FEELINGS FOR KUZE

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
HE WAS STUBBORN LIKE A CHILD
WELL.
OH!
HOW IS KIKU-SAN DOING?
I WAS ALMOST SENT AWAY
TAMURA WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD ACKNOWLEDGE ME
WHAT A SURPRISE.
THERE ISN'T ANY MAID I KNOW!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT AFTER TEN YEARS
tap
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD LOWER YOUR VOICE?
SHE'S EMBARRASSED
ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN A DECADE
OH, IT'S YOU!

I'M PLEASED TO SEE YOU AGAIN I AMAMIYA RINZABURO, HAVE COME BACK TO JAPAN
TOMOYUKI-SAMA
clatter
LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE...
I'M GLAD YOU TOO HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT

WITH THE FORMER MASTER'S WORDS IN MIND
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING THE KUZE FAMILY AGAIN AS A SERVANT
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LORD KUZE IS OUT RIGHT NOW
YES
HE'S IN SCHOOL AT THIS TIME OF DAY
I THOUGHT IT'D BE UNLIKELY TO MEET RUN INTO HIM.
AMA-MIYA-SAN
I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU CAME TO SEE HIM
I'LL TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR COMING TODAY WILL YOU BE STOP-PING BY AGAIN?
TOMOYUKI-SAMA.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'VE COME TO SEE NOBODY BUT YOU

thud
WHAT A SHAME TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO SIT
WON'T YOU
AMAMIYA-SAN?
NO THAT'S NOT NECESSARY
I was quite popular for a while there.
SO HOW ABOUT I SHARE MY STORIES OF ROMANCE FOR A STARTER?
IT'S BEEN ALMOST TEN YEARS. I'VE GOT LOADS TO TELL YOU
TOMOYUKI-SAMA.
So noisy
YOU'VE NOT CHANGED A BIT
YOU'VE MANAGED TO PROMOTE THE KUZE FAMILY ON YOUR OWN
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS

YOU ALSO LOOK WELL
I'M SURE THE MASTER IS WILLING TO SUPPORT YOU, JUST LIKE THE FORMER MASTER DID
IF YOU'RE TO WORK AS A LAWYER, WE'LL FINANCE YOU AS MUCH AS YOU ASK
TOMOYUKI-SAMA,
YOU HAVEN'T STUDIED AT TOKYO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY, HAVE YOU?
—I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE IS IT?
HOW ABOUT GOING ABROAD TO SEE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN EYES
I KNOW YOU CAN...
I'M TOO BUSY
EVERY-THING HAS CHANGED
...AS YOU KNOW WELL
WHEN I CAME TO LIVE HERE AND WORK FOR THE FAMILY...
THE FORMER MASTER ASSIGNED ME TWO TASKS.
THE FIRST WAS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDY
HOWEVER, YOU'RE SO SMART THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MUCH I COULD DO

THE SECOND
TO SERVE THE NEXT MASTER AS A CHIEF SERVANT AND WORK FOR THE KUZE FAMILY
THE PERSON I'M SUPPOSED TO SERVE IS NOT THE SAME AS I'VE IMAGINED
BUT ANYWAY, I'VE GOT MY RESPONSIBILITIES
I HAVE TO KEEP MY WORD OR MY PARENTS WON'T ALLOW ME TO SEE THEM.
AMAMIYA

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN
I TOLD YOU
TOMOYUKI-SAMA
I STILL BELIEVE THE RIGHT PERSON TO BE THE MASTER OF THE KUZE IS YOU
I WONDER IF THERE IS A WAY TO TURN OVER EVERYTHING

open
IS THAT NEW?
IT FITS YOU WELL TOMOYUKI SAMA

REALLY
PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE LADY
OH HELLO AMAMIYA
THE MASTER IS IN KAMAKURA HE WON'T BE BACK TODAY
YES I KNOW I'M GOING TO VISIT THERE
ARE YOU HEADED TO OSAKA AFTER THAT?
YES
I'M GOING TO WORK IN A LAW COURT FOR A WHILE
THEN I'M GOING TO AMERICA, THANKS TO THE MASTER
RIGHT
I'LL BE TWENTY NEXT YEAR, BUT I STILL CONTINUE TO GROW TALLER
MAYBE YOU'LL BECOME AS TALL AS I AM
YOU'RE TOO TALL
OH DO YOU NEED A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM?
IT'S YOUR LAST YEAR, ISN'T IT?

thud
NO I DON'T THINK SO
tap
AFTER YOU GRADUATE YOU'RE GOING TO THE TOKYO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY RIGHT?
THE MASTER STAYS IN KAMAKURA ALL THE TIME TO CARE FOR THE LADY
rush!?
SO I'VE BEEN WORKING ON HIS BEHALF AND CAME TO REALIZE THAT HE IS...
...SURROUNDED BY A LOT OF ENEMIES?

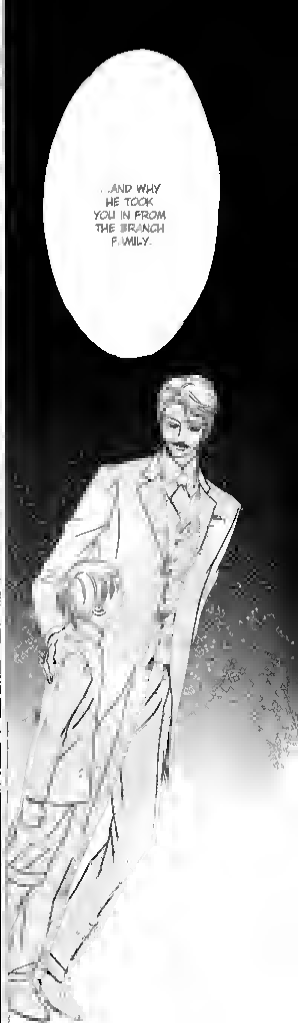
NATURALLY HE DOESN'T HESITATE TO TAKE ALL AVAILABLE MEASURES TO MAKE BIG MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET
IT'S HUMILIATING FOR THE MERCHANTS AND ALSO FOR THE NOBILITY IT'S...
"DIRTY AND UNPOLISHED," THEY SAY.
A MAN TOLD ME THAT EVEN A NOBLE FAMILY HAS STARTED TO MIMIC UPSTARTS
SO I ASKED HIM
IF HE WANTED TO ACCOMPANY ME TO KABUKI-CHOU

WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE INFLUENTIAL TO BE A GUARDIAN AND SUPPORT THE FAMILY I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN
IS THE GUARDIAN FOR YOU?
...THEY WON'T BE FUSSY AFTER THEY BECOME OUR ACCOMPLICE
YOU'RE AS SMART AND CAPABLE AS EVER
FOR THE YOUNG MASTER
NO
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
TOMOYUKI-SAMA
I SEE
HE TAKES AFTER HIS MOTHER SO HE MAY NOT BE STRONG ENOUGH PHYSICALLY

I'VE BEEN THINKING YOU'RE THE RIGHTFUL HEIR OF THE KUZE FAMILY
LOOK AT YOU NOW. YOU'RE VERY MUCH ENJOYING THE ROLE
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
THE MASTER CHOOSES THE HEIR

IS THAT YOUR HONEST FEELING?
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW I FEEL. AN HEIR WAS BORN
HE DOESN'T NEED ME ANY MORE
LORD KUZE HATES THE CONCUBINE SYSTEM.
THAT'S WHY HE DISLIKES AND LOOKS DOWN ON HIS BROTHER, BORN FROM A CONCUBINE
HE'S DETERMINED NOT TO LET HIM TAKE OVER THE KUZE FAMILY

step
THAT'S ENOUGH AMAMIYA.
HE MIGHT BE CONCERNED ABOUT A WORST-CASE SCENARIO. AND IT'S YOU WHO CAN-


...AND WHY HE TOOK YOU IN FROM THE BRANCH FAMILY.

YOU TALK TOO MUCH

SOME THINGS ARE
...BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION...
"TOMOYUKI."
"YOU KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING, AND..."
"NO KATSURAGI."
"DID YOU KNOW THAT?"

"...INTENDED TO CHEAT ME?"
KATSURAGI-SAMA
THE MASTER WILL BE BACK IN A SHORT WHILE

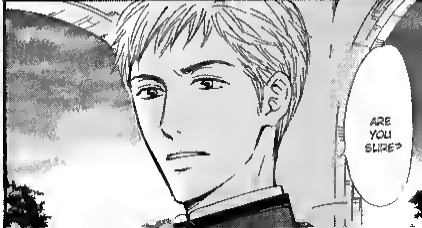
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I SAW AMAMIYA. HE'S GROWN INTO A FINE MAN
SO IT SEEMS
BUT HE'S AS TALKATIVE AS BEFORE...
HE MIGHT HAVE GONE THROUGH MANY GOOD EXPERIENCES
THERE WAS NOTHING
I'D TALK WITH HIM
"FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, YOU'VE MANAGED TO PROMOTE THE KUZE FAMILY ON YOUR OWN."
FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, I'VE LIVED THOROUGHLY FOR THE KUZE FAMILY.
TO ACCOMPLISH THE DREAM, WHICH THE FORMER MASTER COULD NOT FULFILL
step
step
step

"YOU REALLY TAKE AFTER AKINAO-SAMA."
AS IF
STEP
...I'M UNDER A SPELL
WELCOME HOME

KATSURAGI?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
slip

SPEAKING OF THE PARTY AT MORIYAMA,
YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME IN THE CARRIAGE

NO...
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR

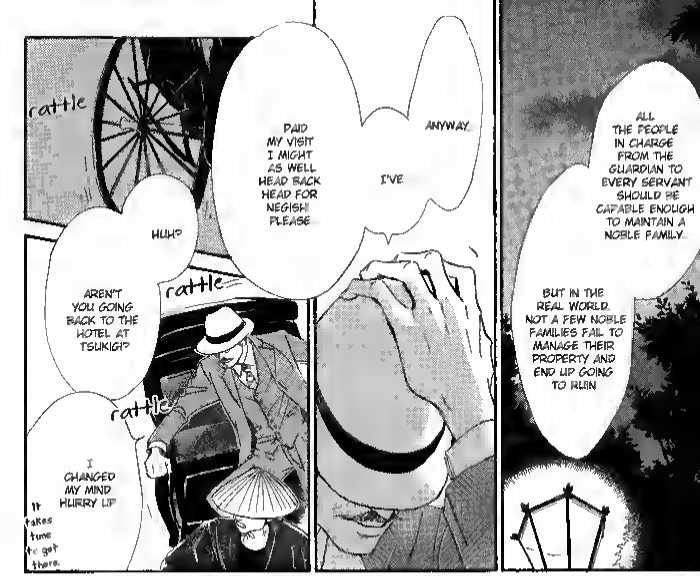

ARE YOU SURE?

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY. I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO GET LORD MORIYAMA IN TROUBLE.
I WON'T GO UNLESS I TAKE YOU WITH ME!
WILL YOU STOP TALKING NONSENSE?
LISTEN! IT'S AN ORDER.
I'VE NOT SEEN KAYOKO-SAMA FOR A LONG TIME
CALL HER LADY MORIYAMA
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH SAIONJI SHIGEYUKI-SAMA, LET ALONE LADY MORIYAMA
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS I'M AFRAID, MASTER

KATSURAGI

DIDN'T I TELL YOU NEVER TO CALL ME MASTER?

A STUDENT WENT IN THE HOUSE FROM THE FRONT GATE A MOMENT AGO IS HE A SON OF THE MASTER?
NO NO HE IS THE MASTER HIMSELF
AKIHITO VISCOUNT KUZE
REALLY!?
HE'S SO YOUNG
HE TOOK OVER THE FAMILY WHEN HE WAS TEN
I GUESS HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BEING A MASTER
IT'S NO JOKE FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND TO SUPPORT A YOUNG MASTER


ALL THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE FROM THE GUARDIAN TO EVERY SERVANT SHOULD BE CAPABLE ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN A NOBLE FAMILY.
BUT IN THE REAL WORLD, NOT A FEW NOBLE FAMILIES FAIL TO MANAGE THEIR PROPERTY AND END UP GOING TO RUIN
ANYWAY
I'VE
PAID MY VISIT I MIGHT AS WELL HEAD BACK HEAD FOR NEGISHI! PLEASE
HUH?
rattle
ARENT YOU GOING BACK TO THE HOTEL AT TSUKIGI?
rattle
I CHANGED MY MIND HURRY UP
It takes time to get there.

"I WONDER IF THERE IS A WAY TO TURN OVER EVERYTHING."

AS THE MASTER IS ONLY SEVENTEEN,
EVERYONE KNOWS YOU HOLD ALL AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF THE FAMILY
THAT'S ENOUGH AMAMIYA.
WE LIVE IN A DAY WHEN A MERE BUSINESS PERSON AMONG COMMONERS CAN RECEIVE A TITLE IT'S TRIVIAL IF YOU'RE FROM THE FEMALE BLOODLINE OR FROM A BRANCH FAMILY WE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING
YOU DON'T NEED TO LISTEN TO THE BOY-
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

DON'T EVER SAY A WORD TO INSULT AKIHITO-SAMA.

rattle
rattle
SOME-THING SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED HIM...
...IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

"REPORTING FROM A PARTY AT THE MORIYAMA RESIDENCE. ALL THE NOBLES SEEM TO HAVE GATHERED TONIGHT."
HOW'S THAT FOR AN OPENING LINE?
Aren't you a professional?
TOO CLICHÉ
rattle
rattle
rattle
LOOK
IS IT FROM THE KANEKO FAMILY?
rattle
NEXT IS THE EARL OF KARASUMA
NOBILITY, MINISTERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE. A BUNCH OF CELEBRITIES
rattle
rattle
THE MORE STALE THE MORE APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC
We'll go with a similar opening line

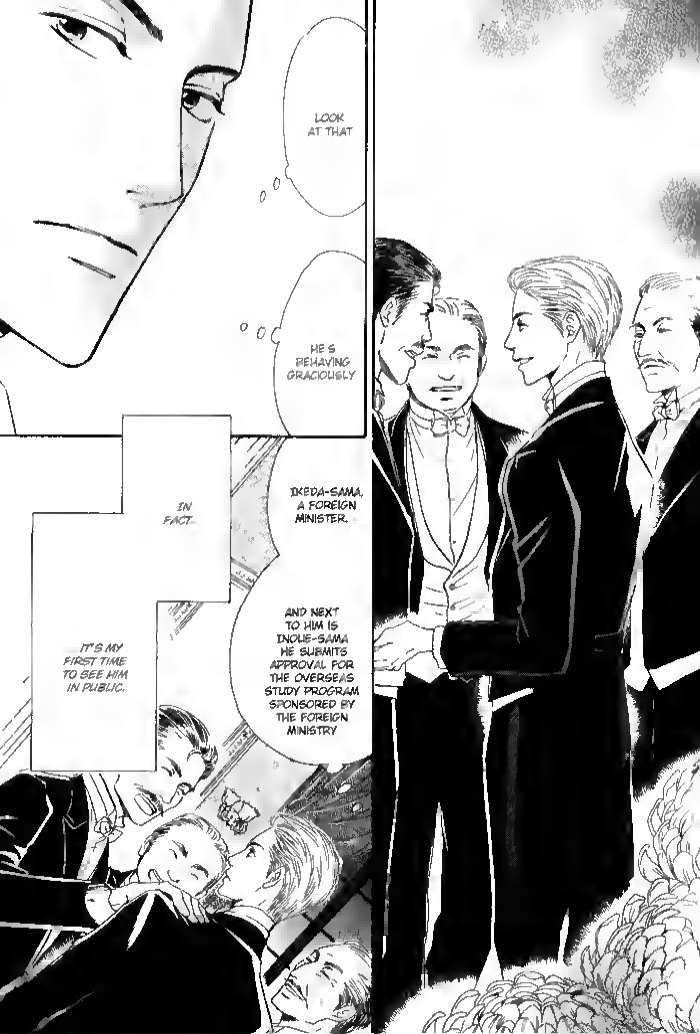
LIKE BEING AT THE HEIGHT OF GLORY
「ガチャ」
「ガチャ」
「ガチャ」
WHO IS IT?
IT'S THE KUZE FAMILY CREST
SO IT MUST BE KUZE'S YOUNG MASTER.
「ガチャ」
「ガチャ」
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE.
LORD MORIYAMA IS A GUARDIAN OF THE KUZE.
SPEAKING OF THE SAIONJI FAMILY, I'M SORRY TO KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO ARRANGE A MARRIAGE WITH SUCH NEW NOBILITY
YES. IT'S BETTER THAN RETURNING THEIR TITLE DUE TO THE POOR STATE OF THE ECONOMY

WORD HAS IT THAT THE YOUNGEST SON OF THE KATSURAGI ARRANGED THE MARRIAGE
chatter
HE IS A SWAIN OF LADY MORIYAMA, ISN'T HE? DISGRACEFUL...
BUT LORD MORIYAMA LET HIS MISTRESSES LIVE IN ROOMS WITHIN HIS MAIN RESIDENCE.
chatter
THAT'S KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI.
HE WON'T GET UPSET WITH WHATEVER HIS WIFE DOES.
whisper
LOOK!
OVER THERE... THEY'RE COMING.
LORD KUZE AND KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI

SPEAKING OF KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI,
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN HIM IN PUBLIC. HE USED TO ATTEND MANY PARTIES FOR THE KUZE THOUGH..
Whisper
HE MIGHT BE UP TO SOMETHING TREACHEROUS UNDER THE VEIL OF HIS MASTER
Whisper...
Whisper

KUZE IS JUST A LOCAL LORD THEY DON'T DESERVE TO BE INVITED—
NICE TO MEET EVERYONE MAY I JOIN YOU?
grumble grumble
IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE
I CAME HERE IN MY BROTHER'S PLACE
Huh.
IN PLACE OF HIM?
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE MONEY NOT ONLY FOR THE KUZE
BUT ALSO FOR THE KATSURAGI?
WELL?
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE KATSURAGI'S BUSINESS
HOW'S YOUR FARM BUSINESS DOING IN HOKKAIDO, BARL TACHIBANA?

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT
YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE WITH THE WORKERS
AND HAVEN'T COME TO AN AGREEMENT
Ugh
I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT SOME PROMISING LAND THERE EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU
Whisper
YOU'D BE ABLE TO BUY IT CHEAP
Whisper
IT'S A CHANCE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PRODUCTIVITY
ARE...
ARE YOU SURE!?

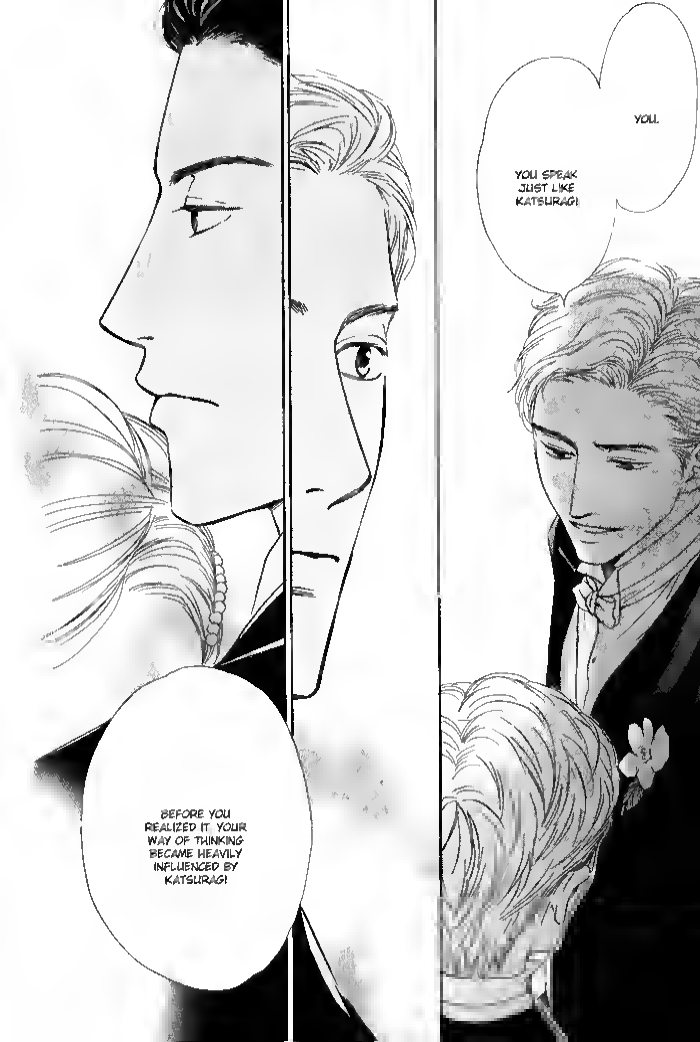

LOOK AT THAT
HE'S BEHAVING GRACIOUSLY
IKEDA-SAMA, A FOREIGN MINISTER.
AND NEXT TO HIM IS INOUE-SAMA HE SUBMITS APPROVAL FOR THE OVERSEAS STUDY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
IN FACT...
IT'S MY FIRST TIME TO SEE HIM IN PUBLIC.

KATSURAGI-SAMA?
...
HELLO.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
I'M HERE TODAY FOR MY BROTHER.
Yeah!
I WAS RIGHT. IT'S YOU, KATSURAGI-SAMA!
OH, MY!
YES?

WHAT IS HE DOING?
chatter
chatter
HE DOESN'T STAY BY MY SIDE
THERE'S NO POINT IN COMING TOGETHER UNLESS YOU STAY WITH ME
HE'S NOT CHANGED
OH, SAIONJI-DONO
I HOPE I'M NOT INTRUDING
I TRULY APPRECIATED YOUR CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS LORD KUZE
No.
Not at all

LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU AGAIN ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT
JUST RELAX.
I KNOW ALL THE GUESTS ARE HERE TO MEET THE MORIYAMA
THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN MY ENGAGEMENT
I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE
Chuckle
YOU'VE COME TO DISLIKE ME.
...EVERYONE IS ALWAYS ATTRACTED TO KATSURAGI.
HE MAKES THE PLACE LIVELY.

IT WAS ABOUT MY MARRIAGE
I GOT A MESSAGE FROM HIM ONE DAY AND I WAS REALLY PLEASED BUT...
NO WE'VE NOT TALKED FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS
...HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KATSURAGI?
AS YOU KNOW SAIONJI IS A PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY BUT WE WERE SERIOUSLY IN TROUBLE
KATSURAGI HELPED US PAY OFF OUR DEBTS AND THERE WAS EVEN A LITTLE SOMETHING LEFTOVER
MY PARENTS ARE STILL BOUND BY THE FEUDALISTIC WAY OF THINKING BUT THEY SUCCUMBED TO KATSURAGI AND THE MONEY
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT
YOU'RE OBLIGED TO SUSTAIN YOUR FAMILY


YOU.
YOU SPEAK JUST LIKE KATSURAGI.
BEFORE YOU REALIZED IT, YOUR WAY OF THINKING BECAME HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY KATSURAGI.

LORD KUZE.
OH, SORRY.
I WAS WATCHING THE MASTER.
HE'S GROWN INTO A FINE MAN.
KATSURAGI-SAMA?
ARE YOU FED UP WITH DANCING?
IT'S HIGH TIME FOR US TO FIND SOMEONE GOOD FOR HIM
LOOK AT THAT. HE'S ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY YOUNG LADIES.
HE'S ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE MEN HERE

KATSURAGI-SAMA
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIS MARRIAGE PARTNER
WE'RE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT I THINK IT'D BE GOOD BOTH FOR HIM AND FOR HIS FAMILY
HOW ABOUT THE DAUGHTER OF DUKE OF SAJYOU?
I HEARD SHE'S BEEN WANTING TO HAVE A WORD WITH LORD KUZE
OR THE DAUGHTER OF BARON KASAI? ALL THE YOUNG LADIES WANT TO GET TO KNOW HIM.
SO IT SEEMS
HE SAID HE RECEIVED LOVE LETTERS MANY TIMES

OH...
I ASSUME LORD KUZE DOESN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU
YOU MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA WHO HE'S TRULY INTERESTED IN
WILL YOU
IN HIS WAY HE'S GENEROUS TO EVERYONE
I CAN'T TELL WHO HE HAS IN MIND
I DON'T KNOW

"KATSURAGI"
"I DON'T CARE WHO I MARRY JUST PICK A LADY FROM A GOOD FAMILY SO I CAN ATTAIN A HIGHER TITLE"
"EVERYTHING IS FOR THE KUZE FAMILY"
LADY OOKOUCHI
NO...
OH, YES!
I'D BE DELIGHTED TO...
I'D TRULY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DUKE OF SAJYOU...

I'M SORRY BUT
THIS IS THE ONE THING I SHOULD HANDLE ON MY OWN
HUH...?
I DON'T THINK YOU COULD ASK FOR...
A BETTER FAMILY THAN S'IJYO-SAMA'S, LIKE ONE IN A MILLION CHANCES—
I KNOW THAT!!
AH!
...I'M SO SORRY. I'M NOT FEELING WELL..
PLEASE EXCUSE ME..
KATSURAGI?
WHERE'S HE OFF TO?

WHAT AM I DOING?
I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT SINCE MEETING AMAMIYA
"IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIS MARRIAGE PARTNER "
THAT'S RIGHT

I SHOULD CHOOSE SOMEONE FROM AS GOOD A FAMILY AS POSSIBLE FOR A HIGHER TITLE...
I KNOW
I HAVE TO END MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM
"YOU ALWAYS WEAR THAT EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT AKIHITO AKIHITO-SAMA
IT'S SUCH A DELIGHT TO SEE THE DIFFERENT FACES YOU WEAR."
I'M JUST
SICK OF BEING TOSSED AROUND
HE'LL FORGET EVERY WORD HE SAID TO ME ONCE HE GETS MARRIED
BEFORE LONG,

"KATSURAGI."
AN HEIR WILL BE BORN AND
HE'LL NO LONGER REMEMBER THE PROMISE HE MADE TO ME JUST LIKE THE FORMER MASTER FORGOT
IT NEVER WORKED OUT WITH ANYONE
I BECAME INTIMATE WITH SOME PEOPLE BUT THEY NEVER LASTED LONG
"KATSURAGI."
"WHAT'S WRONG?"
Katsuragi...

I love you.
I'm so in love with you.

EXCUSE ME
I'M AFRAID THE FORM WAS ALREADY FILLED OUT BY SOMEONE FROM THE KATSURAGI...
HUH?
WILL YOU DOUBLE CHECK?
I'M THE ONLY ONE FROM MY FAMILY
—BROTHER!?
TOMOYUKI?
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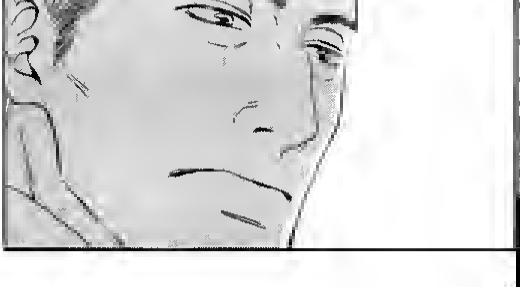
LORD KUZE.
LADY MORIYAMA
YOU'RE REALLY GENEROUS
DIDN'T YOU GET TIRED DANCING WITH SO MANY GIRLS?

LORD KUZE IT WAS A PLEASURE
ARE YOU SURE?
smile
NO NOT AT ALL
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU DANCE. YOU DANCE DIFFERENTLY FROM AKINAO-SAMA.
THE WAY YOU STEP AND LEAD THE GIRLS
WILL YOU SPARE ME SOME TIME?
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU
ABOUT KATSURAGI

I HADN'T EXPECTED YOU'D COME.
...I MUST APOLOGIZE.
SO, YOU MADE A CONGRATULATORY SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE KATSURAGI. DIDN'T YOU?



TOMOYUKI
STOP THIS FOOLISH RUMBLENESS
CERTAINLY NOT. I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT
grab
WHAT'S WITH YOUR HAIR
IT'S UNTIDY
!
WITH THIS APPEARANCE OF YOURS HOW COULD YOU USE KATSURAGI'S NAME

snicker
MY FATHER WAS RIGHT
YOUR FACE WILL INEVITABLY RAISE DOUBTS
swift
Really?
Is that so?
hahaha
hahaha

TOMOYUKI
IT'S BEEN ALMOST TWENTY YEARS
HOW ABOUT EXCHANGING A WORD OR TWO?
chatter
hahaha
chatter
ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH THE LADY WHO WAS TALKING WITH KATSURAGI?
YES. I THINK IT'S LADY OKOUCHI
EXACTLY.

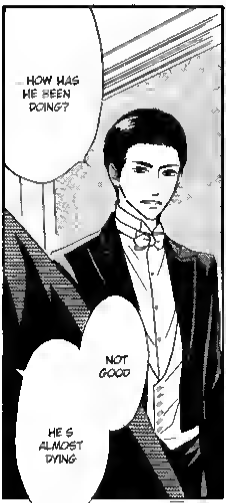
SHE DOES MATCH-MAKING AS HER HOBBY
SHE HAS STRONG TIES ESPECIALLY WITH THE NOBLE FAMILIES
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
AFTER YOUR ENGAGE-MENT IS SETTLED
I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BE A GO-BETWEEN

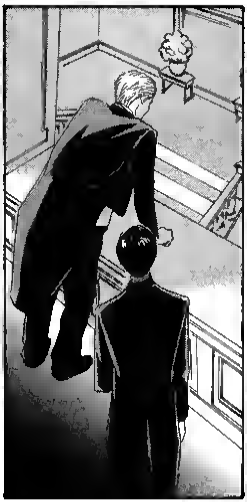
YOU'RE LIKELY TO GRADUATE TOP OF THE CLASS
AND GO TO ENGLAND TO STUDY RIGHT?
AND YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER EVERYTHING OF THE KUZE FAMILY ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF THE FORMER MASTER
BUT YOU'LL BE TWENTY SOON
IT'S STILL A LONG WAY OFF
REALLY?

KATSURAGI MIGHT FIND SOMEONE RIGHT FOR YOU BEFORE LONG
IT SHOULD BE THREE OR FOUR YEARS BEFORE YOU COME BACK CONSIDERING ALL OF THIS

BUT, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S HIGH TIME NOW?
YOU'RE TRULY FORTUNATE!
SNAP
EVERY LAST BIT OF KATSURAGI IS YOURS ONLY

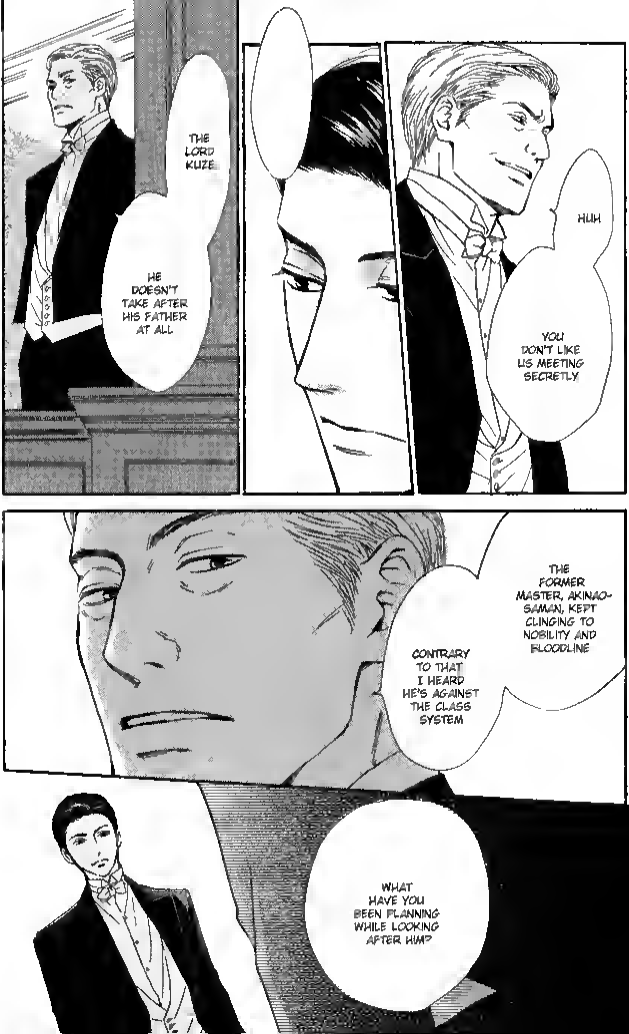
AKIHITO-SAMA
AREN'T YOU WILLING TO LET GO OF KATSURAGI FROM THE KUZE?


HOW HAS HE BEEN DOING?
NOT GOOD
HE'S ALMOST DYING



WHAT MADE YOU TO BUY THE STOCK OF KANEMOTO SPINNING COMPANY?
YOU MIGHT BE THINKING IT'S SAFE AS LONG AS YOU MOVE BEHIND A BROKERAGE FIRM, BUT IT'S NOT.
TOMOYUKI
"NO FURTHER INVOLVEMENT BETWEEN THE BOTH FAMILIES."
kakaka
YES I HAD.
YOU'D FOLLOWED THE WILL OF THE FORMER MASTER

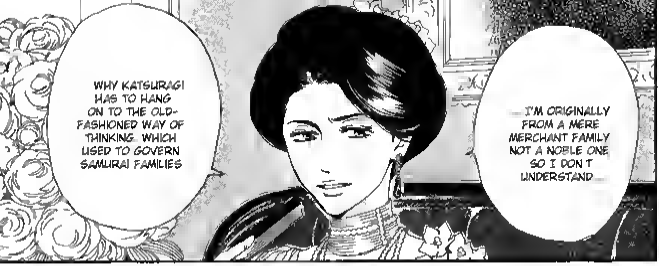
TO BEGIN WITH, YOU'VE MET AKIHITO-SAMA IN PERSON
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T AGREE WITH YOU
IT WAS JUST OUT OF GOODWILL
BUT I THINK IT'S YOU WHO BROKE THAT PROMISE FIRST
YOU [illegible] INTO OUR RESIDENCE OPENLY WITH AN EXCUSE OF HAVING GIVEN ISHIZAKI A RIDE IN YOUR CAR
IT WAS HIM WHO MADE AN INITIAL CONTACT
YOU SHOULD HAVE TURNED IT DOWN!

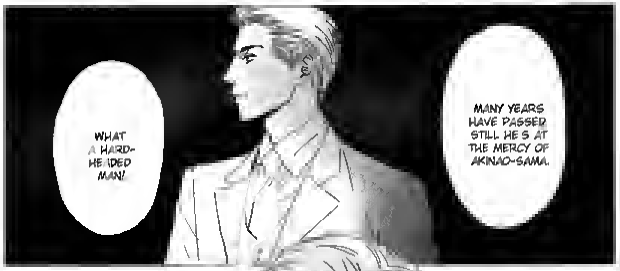

THE LORD KUZE.
HE DOESN'T TAKE AFTER HIS FATHER AT ALL
HUH
YOU DON'T LIKE US MEETING SECRETLY
THE FORMER MASTER, AKINAO-SAMA, KEPT CLINGING TO NOBILITY AND BLOODLINE
CONTRARY TO THAT I HEARD HE'S AGAINST THE CLASS SYSTEM
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN PLANNING WHILE LOOKING AFTER HIM?

FOR THE PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS... WHAT WAS IT LIKE FOR YOU?
THE KUZE FAMILY?
AREN'T YOU ONE OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY?
IT'S ABOUT THE KUZE YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
I'M THE CHIEF SERVANT OF THE KUZE
AND ALSO I'M ACKNOWLEDGED AS AN ATTORNEY OF THE YOUNG MASTER
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET
YOU SHOULD...
...LIVE L
TO THE ORDER OF THE FORMER LORD AKINAO-SAMA AND STAY AWAY FROM THE KUZE FAMILY.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I'M SAYING THAT YOU SHOULD BE ALWAYS AWARE OF YOUR BEING RANKED LOWER THAN US.

AKIHITO-SAMA.
YOU PAID A VISIT AND ASKED ME TO WRITE AN INVITATION FOR KATSURAGI HIMSELF TO THE PARTY. WHAT WAS IT FOR?
...I WANTED TO COME TOGETHER WITH HIM.
AKIHITO-SAMA?
I WANTED TO WALK SIDE BY SIDE WITH KATSURAGI.
BUT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE AS LONG AS KATSURAGI REMAINS BEING A KUZE SERVANT.
KATSURAGI HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO WALK BEHIND YOU FOREVER.


WHY KATSURAGI HAS TO HANG ON TO THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY OF THINKING, WHICH USED TO GOVERN SAMURAI FAMILIES
...I'M ORIGINALLY FROM A MERE MERCHANT FAMILY NOT A NOBLE ONE, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND...


WHAT A HARD-HEADED MAN!
MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED STILL HE'S AT THE MERCY OF AKINAO-SAMA.

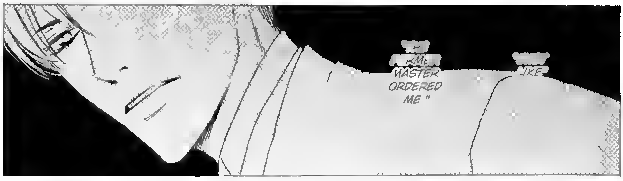
UNLIKE YOUR FATHER, YOU DISAGREE WITH AN OUTDATED VIEWPOINT, DON'T YOU?
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT

IF YOU WISH TO STAND ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH KATSUHIGI, THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO BUT JUST LET GO OF HIM.
IT'S QUITE UNLIKELY YOU KNOW HIM VERY WELL.
HE WON'T CHANGE WHATEVER HAPPENS

ONCE HE SETS HIM MIND, HE NEVER GIVES IT A SECOND THOUGHT.
STUBBORN AND OBSTINATE.
THAT'S WHY...
SORRY.
MAY I BE EXCUSED?

"THE FORMER MASTER CRAVED THAT THE MOST."
"MY LIFE'S AMBITION IS FOR YOU TO RECEIVE A HIGHER TITLE."

"AKIHITO-SAMA"


MY MASTER ORDERED ME."
LIKE

KATSU-RAG!
WHERE IS HE?
...THAT IS
I'VE BEEN HOLDING A GRUDGE TOWARD THE KUZE
THE OLD CLASS SYSTEM WAS ABOLISHED IN THE NEW ERA, BUT HE'D KEPT TREATING US AS HIS SERVANTS

I REMEMBER MY FATHER LOOKING SO SUBSERVIENT TO HIM WITH HIS FOREHEAD ON THE FLOOR
I WAS EXPECTING IT WOULD CHANGE ONCE YOU WERE TAKEN IN THE KUZE
BUT A HEIR WAS BORN SOON AFTER
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AKIHITO-SAMA WHY I WAS TAKEN IN THE KUZE
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT
LET ME TELL YOU AGAIN
KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU'RE RANKED LOWER THAN US AND NEVER——
HOW DARE YOU!!

wham
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO INSULT ME!
smash
LISTEN CLOSELY
YOU'RE NOT A CHILD OF MY MOTHER. YOU'RE NOT IN THE BLOODLINE OF THE KATUSRAGI LET ALONE THE MAIN FAMILY OF THE KUZE
NOT EVEN AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD OF MY FATHER. TRUTH IS—

...
WHAT'S THIS EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE?
YOU DON'T SEEM SHOCKED...
...DON'T TELL ME...
YOU'VE KNOWN EVERYTHING!?

KNOWING WHO YOU REALLY ARE...
YOU'VE BEEN PLOTTING TO BE A HEIR OF THE KUZE!?
YOU KNEW IT... AND STILL, YOU BEHAVE THIS WAY TO ME!?

I'VE BEEN CURIOUS TO KNOW THAT IF NOTHING ELSE
DIDN'T OUR FATHER GO SO FAR AS TO TELL YOU WHO MY NATURAL PARENTS ARE?
Hmph
BROTHER

...OR IS HE...
TOO FRAGILE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING...?
SHUT UP!!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE
I THOUGH YOU KNEW NOTHING AND TOOK PITY ON YOU!
LISTEN
THIS IS NOT A PLACE

grab
squeeze
A BASTARD LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T JUST STROLL AROUND!!
I WON'T LET YOU OF HUMBLE ORIGINS CALL ME BROTHER..

LET HIM GO.
I TOLD YOU TO TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF OF HIM.
HE'S MY BROTHER.
...
HE'S A SERVANT OF THE KUZE.
STOP BOTHERING MY PEOPLE.

KATSURAGI TAKAYUKI!!
snap
Haaa!
THIS HAS TO BE A JOKE...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S UNACCEPTABLE FOR A MAN LIKE HIM TO ATTEND-
REMEMBER WHERE YOU STAND

WHAT IF HE HAPPENS TO SEE A COMMONER GO AGAINST A NOBLE MAN?
YOU'D BE THROWN OUT OF THE CENTER OF THE POLITICAL STAGE.
ALMOST ALL OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE NOBLES
THEY ARE STRICT ABOUT THE RANK
AND MARQUESS OF MORIYAMA HAS STRONG INFLUENCE ON REVISING THE LAW FOR NOBLES
OR I'D TALK ISHIZAKI INTO HELPING ME COLLAPSE YOUR BANK
THE HEAD OF THE ISHIZAKI IS GENEROUS ENOUGH TO BE OF SERVICE TO ME
...

Yuri
KATSU-RAGI!
WE'RE LE..VING.
COME ON.
HE HAS A DIFFERENT AIR AROUND HIM THAN BEFORE
THAT CHILD...
rattle
rattle
rattle

rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle

AKIHITO-SAMA
DID YOU HEAR THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM?

YOU DID
DIDN'T YOU?

I'M—
I TOLD YOU I DON'T CARE!
I SAID AGAIN AND AGAIN!
I DON'T CARE!
WHOEVER YOU ARE,
WHATEVER YOU DO
RANK OR NOBILITY. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME I JUST...
I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES!
..WANT TO BE WITH YOU!!

SAY SOME-THING
rattle rattle
rattle
THE DAUGHTER OF DUKU OF SAIJOU IS INTERESTED IN MEETING YOU

THE SAIJYOU IS A FAMILY OF THE HIGHEST LINEAGE...
AS YOU KNOW...
I—
...ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY?
YOU'RE MARVELOUS INDEED

WHATEVER HAPPENS

YOU WON'T CHANGE

I GUESS IT'S ME

WHO'LL HAVE TO CHANGE

creak
haa
creak
haa
haa
haa
haa
creak
haa
haa
NGH
creak
thrust
UH!
AH!
ACK!
haa
haa
CK!
haa
haa
haa
haa

!
grip
haa haa
haa
ACK...
thrust
ACK!
shove
AH!
thrust
AH!
MMM...
AH!
shove
thrust
shove
AH!
AH!
NGH!

thrust thrust
AH!
AH!
"I SAID AGAIN AND AGAIN."
haa
great
AH!
"WHOEVER YOU ARE."
UH!
AH!
great
thrust thrust
haa
"WHATEVER YOU DO."
UGH..
squeeze
!
NN!
NN!
haa
NGH!
rub
rub
haa
haa
..GH!
UGH!
MM..

haa
haa
haa
haa
NN...
haa
haa
haa
grab
"I DON'T CARE!"
NGH!
MMNN!
NGH!
haa
haa

"I just..."
haa
haa
haa
haa
SO HOT...
"...want to be with you."

creak
UGH!
...GH!
WHAT A MESS

I SHOULD WAKE HIM UP...
AND LET HIM GO TO SCHOOL AND...
WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY...
AND
AND
MY HEAD ACHES
MY HEAD...

Scene.10 END

It looks like I was somehow able to have the second volume out without any problems. That's good. As it's always the case with me there were many places I needed to add and alter.

I have to give a lot of thanks to the people in charge. I'm going to continue to try to do my best and hope you are enjoying the story.

See you! Hidaka Shouko, June, 2010.

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CHARA COMICS

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"I'll serve you all through my life until you earn a higher title than the Earl." Akihito accepted Katsuragi's deal and slept with him However, no matter how dearly Akihito loves Katsuragi, Katsuragi stays indifferent Seeing his aloof attitude, Akihito keeps accumulating his blind passion and becomes irritated One night, Akihito is invited to a party at the Moriyama family and